

CITY OF IMLAY  
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee was held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at the Imlay City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Joi Kempf, Walt Bargen, Ian Kempf, Lorrelei Natke, Marilyn Swihart, Tom Wearing and Tom Youatt.

The Committee reviewed and approved minutes from the May 20, 2019 Committee meeting as presented.

The Commission discussed the dates for the Sesquicentennial Celebration. Although previously the Committee thought that Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> would work best, the Committee thought that starting Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and running to Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup> would be better. The Committee also recommended that in order to get the word out early, a Mayoral Proclamation stating the need to celebrate this historic occasion and also stating the dates for the Sesquicentennial Celebration would be a good start. Youatt stated he would have a Proclamation on the agenda for tomorrow night's City Commission meeting.

The Committee discussed the time capsule from 1970 and where it was located. Members were not sure where it is located but have some ideas. We need to find it and make the opening part of our celebration. The Committee also discussed the need to secure a new time capsule to be opened in 2070. A possible location would be in the new Fire Hall as construction will be completed early next year.

Marilyn passed out copies of the Centennial program from 1970. The Committee will incorporate some of the program events in the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The Committee identified some events that need to take place including fireworks at the Fairgrounds and a parade. A Birthday Float was in the 1970 parade and will also be in the upcoming parade. Entertainment from various performers will be included—possibly a 1960's/1970's band (ex: Herman's Hermits) if that is affordable. The Committee thought that would draw a lot of people to the celebration. Other possible events discussed were reenactments at the Fairgrounds, Imlay City Voices performances and an Alumni picnic with Alumni floats by decade in the parade, antique tractors in the parade and on display, recognition of pioneer families and the revival of the "Shadybell Saloon."

The Committee discussed the need to identify events by category and to begin the process of establishing sub-committees. This will be an agenda item at our next meeting, which is set for Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Tom Youatt

Approved: July 15, 2019